THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) Government is aware of the fact that terrorist outfit Al-Badr had come up with veil diktat exhorting women particularly School/College going girls in Rajouri (J & K) and also gave ultimatum to Muslim women working with the State Police to quite temporarily started wearing Burqa. However, no police women resigned her job due to the threat. The State Government has informed that there has not been any change in the mindset of the common people, particularly women, following the terrorist threats and people have started indicating that they are generally fed up with such diktats being issued by the terrorist.

(c) Various precautionary steps have been taken by the State Government to meet such nefarious designs of terrorist outfits, which include:—

(i) Premises around Colleges and Schools have been brought under closer security surveillance;

(ii) The bus stops/terminals frequented by women have been adequately kept under watch and patrolling in their vicinity intensified;

(iii) Confidence building measures with active participation of local respectable persons have been undertaken by local administration to restore confidences among common people particularly among women;

(iv) Security forces have stepped up its counter terrorist operations in this area.

Special courts for atrocities against women

134. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any proposal to set up any special courts for women particularly in the metropolitan cities to try cases relating to atrocities against them; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Under Section 11 of the Code of Criminal

Procedure, State Governments are competent to set up special courts to try any particular case or classes of cases. There is no proposal for setting up special courts for women under consideration in the Central Government.

Domestice sex abuse of women

135. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that domestic sex abuse of women is rising in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that domestic sexual (abuse) violence by fathers, uncles and cousins are not fully reported/complained due to the circumstances;

(c) the details of the cases of domestic sex abuses reported/ registered in the country, State-wise for the past th/ee years;

(d) the steps Government propose to take to prevent domestic sexual abuse; and

(e) whether Government propose to enact special law for the prevention of domestic sexual abuse, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) Incest rape cases registered a decrease of 9.7% in the year 2000 over the year 1999 and an increase of 16.5% in the year 2001 over the year 2000. The state-wise details for 1999,2000 and 2001 are given in the enclosed statement (See below).

(d) and (e) 'Police' and 'Public Order" are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India and therefore registration, investigation and prevention of crime is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Government of India has been advising State Governments from time to time to give more focussed attention to improving the administration of criminal justice system and take such measures as are necessary for the prevention of atrocities against women.

As a result of overall efforts of the Central Government, most of the States and Union Territories have set up Special Cells to deal with crinr